

REMARKS

During Applicant's review of Applicant's docket for the present application, it came to Applicant's attention that no Examiner's Answer had been received in response to the Appeal Brief filed March 23, 2004. During a review of PAIR, Applicant discovered a notation that on May 27, 2004, the file was marked lost. Applicant files the present document in an effort to help prompt the location of the file so that the Examiner's Answer may be prepared and sent to Applicant. Applicant further tenders an offer to provide a copy of the file in the event that the file needs to be recreated. This copy would be derived from Applicant's own hard copy of the file. Again, the purpose of this tender is to help facilitate the forward progression of the prosecution of the present application.

If Applicant may be of further assistance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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